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MANHATTAN A FLYER.

Beats the Steamer New England In Long Race.

Speaking of the first trip of the halibut steamer, Manhattan, a Vancouver, B. C., exchange says:

"Bringing 170,000 lbs. of halibut and having won her first laurels on this coast by beating the New England by several hours over a long course, the crack fishing steamer Manhattan, of the New England Fish Company, arrived in port this morning from the northern fishing grounds, in the vicinity of Goose Island. That the new steamer was a faster boat than the steamer New England was well known to both captains before a race was declared; but yet there remained a desire to challenge the merits of the Manhattan's claims to laurels she had not yet won."

Both steamers obtained their catches in different localities, but finished fishing about the same time. Having more dories to operate, the Manhattan was a little late in starting home, and when Capt. Goss blew the whistles the New England was about a mile to the good. "We're off," shouted Mate Churchill, and the hands of the pressure gauge indicated his signal.

Like dissolving views of a stereopticon lantern the mile of lead of the New England faded into rods, yards and feet. The Manhattan was now alongside of the New England and both jockeyed their hardest for first. The Manhattan finally drew away and came in port about six hours ahead of the New England. The New England had 160,000 pounds of halibut.

Capt. Freeman Munroe and son Lawrence of this city are on the Manhattan.

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Complain of Salt Bankers.

The St. John's, N. F. Herald of recent date says:

"The fishermen of Domino complain bitterly of American and other bankers coming near the shore, setting their trawls and splitting fish on their codding grounds, glutting the caplin and maeling it impossible for the settlers to secure either bait or fish. These crafts have now all gone to Flemish Cap and there is need for our fishery laws to be enforced there, which would give work to five or six wardens or policemen. About Domino and vicinity the people have been doing fairly well of late but complain of the law forbidding them to put their traps in the water before June 15, and if it is not repealed there may be serious disturbances as in other years owing to everybody trying to secure the best trap berths on that morning."

Rips Cod Takes a Rise.

Salt Rips or "drift" cod took a sharp advance yesterday of 50 cents per hundred pounds on both large and medium, the fare of sch. Mina Swim selling to Cunningham & Thompson at \$4.25 for large and \$3.25 for medium.

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Advance on "Halibut" Fish.

The salt cod brought in by the halibuter Elmer E. Gray sold yesterday at quite an advance, \$4.38 for large and \$3.25 for medium, to George Perkins & Son.

Halibut Sale.

The fare of sch. Elmer E. Gray sold to the New England Fish Co. at 8 cents per pound for white and 6 cents for gray.

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Round Pollock Bring Good Price.

Fresh round pollock brought a fine price yesterday, when the fare of sch. Actor, 15,000 pounds, sold to Parmenter & Co. at 90 cents per hundred weight. Recent sales of these fish have been at 75 cents per hundred weight.

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Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Quonnapowitt, via Boston, 18,000 lbs. salt cod, 9000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Sylvia M. Nunan, shore.
Sch. Alert, seining.
Sch. Flora J. Sears, via Boston.
Sch. Catherine D. Enos, via Boston.
Sch. Bertha M. Miller, via Boston.
Sch. Robert C. Harris, via Boston.

Today's Fish Market.

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Splitting prices of fresh fish: Large Eastern cod, \$1.75; medium do., \$1.25; large Western cod, \$2.12 1-2; medium do., \$1.37 1-2; haddock, \$1.00; cusk, \$1.50; hake, \$1.05; pollock, 65 cts.

Salt handline Georges codfish, \$4.50 per cwt. for large, \$3.50 for medium.

Salt Trawl Georges codfish, \$4.25 for large \$3.25 for medium.

Salt hake, \$1.25.

Salt haddock, \$1.75.

Salt cusk, \$2.25.

Salt "drift" cusk, \$2.00.

Salt pollock, \$1.50.

Salt trawl bank codfish, \$3.50 for large, \$2.62 1-2 for medium.

Large salt "drift" Georges codfish, \$4.25 medium do., \$3.25.

Bank halibut, 8 cts. per lb. for white and 6 cts. per lb. for gray.

Large salt mackerel, \$31 per bbl.

Salt medium mackerel, \$25.50 per bbl.

Salt tinker mackerel, \$13 per bbl.

Fresh medium mackerel, 15 1-2 cts. each.

Fresh tinker mackerel, 5 cts. each.

Large fresh mackerel, 20 cts. each.

Round pollock, 90 cts. per cwt.

Boston.

Sch. Bertha M. Bailey, 1000 haddock, 17,000 cod, 2000 pollock.

Sch. James W. Parker, 20,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 18,000 hake, 4000 cusk.

Sch. Regina, 50,000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 20,000 hake.

Haddock, \$2 to \$2.50; large cod, \$4 to \$4.25; market cod, \$1.25; hake, \$2; cusk, \$2.50; pollock, \$2.25.

Mackerel News.

Sch. Priscilla Smith, Capt. William J. Corkum, and sch. Lottie G. Merchant, Capt. Christopher Carrigan, are fitting for North Bay and late Cape Shore mackerel seining trips. Both these skippers are old hands at this branch of fishing and feel confident of getting a trip there.

The fare of Sch. Corsair, 10 bbls. of salt tinkers and 80 bbls. of salt medium, sold to the Gloucester Mackerel Co. at \$24.25 per barrel, right through. This is equal to \$13 for tinkers and \$25.50 for mediums, being an advance of 50 cents per barrel on the latter over last sales.

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Mackerel News.

Sch. Avalon, Capt. Charles Maguire, is at Boston today with 5000 fresh mackerel, mostly tinkers, and 40 bbls. of salt mackerel. The fare of sch. Lucenia, 23 barrels, sold to Harvey C. Smith & Son for a lump sum \$330.

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POTOMAC ARRIVES.

Government Tug Ready for Newfoundland Trip.

Will Probably Sail from Here the Latter Part of Week.

The ocean going government tug Potomac, which is to do government service on the treaty coast of Newfoundland this fall and winter, and which has been coaling and fitting out at Portsmouth, N. H., arrived here during the night and now lies at anchor in the "deep hole," all ready for the voyage. She is under command of Lieut. Hines, U. S. N., and carries a crew of 36 men.

The Potomac is at this port to take on board Mr. A. B. Alexander, formerly of this city, one of the division chiefs of the Bureau of Fisheries, and acting in this case as the representative of the State Department. Mr. Alexander has been here for a few days, collecting some data, and will probably be ready to sail during the latter part of the present week.

The work of the Potomac will be similar to that performed by the Grampus, on which craft Mr. Alexander went last year, and she will follow the American herring fleet along the coast and at Bay of Islands and will closely observe all events connected with the herring fishery.

The state department has decided that American vessels can pursue seine herring on the treaty coast. This is directly against the local laws of Newfoundland, and although no friction is anticipated, the outcome of the cruise of the tug will be watched at Washington and this port with a great deal of interest.

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American Bankers Getting Squid Bait.

The St. John's, N. F., Herald says:

"It is said that the sale of bait to the Americans continues at Burgeo, where the Yankees go out to the squid grounds with the coast folk and buy from the latter what they catch and are willing to sell, bringing it to harbor in their own dories and representing it as their own catch. Bait is scarce but the Americans get most of what is to be had."

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QUICK WORK.

Sch. Onato's Big Fare Taken Out in Just Six Hours.

The record for the quick taking out of a fare of fresh fish was broken yesterday, when at the wharf of Slade Gorton & Co. the big rip of sch. Onato, 150,000 pounds, mostly haddock, were taken out in just six hours. Both hatches were worked and the crew of the vessel and the wharf gang did a big hustle.

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Sch. Tecumseh, shore.
Sch. Blanche F. Irving, shore.
Sch. Helen G. Wells, seining, 30 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Flirt, Georges, 130,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Tacoma, Bacallieu Bank, 50,000 lbs. halibut.
Sch. Theodore Roosevelt, Grand Bank, 25,000 lbs. halibut, 10,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Mary F. Curtis, seining, 4 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Elizabeth Silsbee, seining, 17 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. James W. Parker, via Boston, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Maud S., seining.
Sch. Rebecca Bartlett, Georges, 7000 lbs. salt cod.

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Sch. Yankee, 21,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Boyd and Leeds, 15,000 cod.

Sch. Motor, 45 swordfish.

Sch. Louise C. Cabral, 8000 haddock, 7000 cod, 1500 hake.

Sch. James R. Clark, 30,000 cod.

Sch. E. C. Hussey, 19,000 cod.

Sch. Rose Standish, 20,000 cod.

Sch. Buema, 45,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 5000 hake.

Sch. James and Esther, 30,000 haddock, 19,000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Catherine and Ellen, 60,000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 5000 hake.

Sch. Ellen C. Burke, 10,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 16,000 hake, 16,000 cusk.

Sch. William A. Morse, 20,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Selma, 40,000 haddock, 35,000 cod.

Sch. Frank Munroe, 10,000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Sch. Harmony, 40,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 10,000 hake.

Sch. Robert and Arthur, 45,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 8000 hake.

Sch. Priscilla, 19,000 cod.

Sch. Matchless, 27,000 cod.

Sch. George E. Lane, Jr., 21,000 cod.

Sch. Avalon, 5000 fresh medium and tinker mackerel, 40 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Alcina, 20,000 cod.

Sch. John M. Keen, 20,000 cod.

Sch. Philip P. Manta, 10,000 haddock, 16,000 cod, 10,000 hake.

Sloop Morning Star, 700 cod, 3000 pollock.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 45,000 haddock, 35,000 cod.

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Sch. Francis J. O'Hara, Jr., 100,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 3000 hake.
Haddock, \$1.25 to \$2 per cwt.; large cod, \$3.25; market cod, \$1.25; hake, \$1.25 to \$2.50; pollock, \$2; swordfish, 11 cents per lb.; fresh medium mackerel, 12 cts. each; fresh tinker mackerel, 6 cts. each.

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Brings Salt Herring.

Sch. Dido arrived at this port from Provincetown this forenoon with 150 barrels of salt herring. The fish were taken in the weirs there.

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NEWFOUNDLAND HAS BACKED DOWN!

Story Which Is Evidently Authentic Heard This Afternoon.

DON'T WANT OUR VESSELS TO PURSE SEINE ON THE TREATY COAST.

Willing To Repeal 1906 Foreign Fishing Vessels Act and Perhaps Make Other Concessions.

A most persistent rumor is afloat this afternoon to the effect that there is on shortly will be a most decided change in the complexion of affairs between this country and Newfoundland regarding the herring situation on the treaty coast of the latter country.

The rumor boiled down to its lowest terms, is to the effect that Newfoundland has fairly and squarely backed down from its present position and is willing to do a great deal of conceding if the American vessels will only forego the work of purse seining for herring on the treaty coast, for which work a big fleet is now fitting out and in which enterprise they had the decision and backing of the state department in their favor, Secretary Root having made the decision just before going on his Pan-American tour.

It can be safely said that the story passes the bounds of a rumor and can be considered to be quite authentic, and there is every reason to believe that Newfoundland's tender is to forego the proclamation of the new foreign fishing vessels act of 1906 and allow matters in the herring line, as concerns American craft, to revert to the same conditions as governed them in 1905, providing the United States vessels will forego the use of purse seines on the treaty coast this season.

It may not be generally known, but it is a fact that with barely half an hour's notice, Mr. Benjamin A. Smith of this city, an authority on matters pertaining to the Newfoundland herring question, and Mr. Wilfred W. Lufkin, private secretary to Congressman Gardner, started for Washington last evening and the object of their visit in connection

with the story as stated above, is not hard to guess.

It is expected then that in a very few hours an agreement between the two governments will be reached, and that things will probably be on about the same basis as last year, although it is more than possible that the United States may be granted for her vessels a few more privileges than they had last year.

The whole matter resolves itself into an answer to the question which is better for the United States herring vessels, to go purse seining for herring on the treaty coast or to give up the idea of purse seining, have the foreign fishing vessels act of 1906 not operative and return to the arrangement of last year, with the possibility of having a few privileges granted in addition.

It is understood that the Newfoundland government is very anxious for our vessels not to go purse seining, and that in order to get them to give up the idea are willing to make concessions. On just what the concessions are will depend the answer of our government.

Congressman Gardner has evidently some knowledge of the matter and what is transpiring, and it is understood that although he has all arrangements made for a long vacation trip and had planned to go tonight, he will not start unless the matter is satisfactorily settled. If the matter is settled up today, he will start off tonight, no doubt with a light heart, but if no decision is reached before night, he will give up his trip and stay home until an agreement of some sort is reached.